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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, £5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, £1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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R. R. BULLOCK, Esq., WILHELM REINER, Esq.,
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CHIEF MANAGERS.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq., Manager.
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London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Paix, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOULOGNE, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.
E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Paid-up Capital, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.
GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

The following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.
Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.
RESERVE FUND, £1,500,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £933,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £466,500.
RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, Threadneedle Street, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.
Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. W. DETMER has been authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration.

RADECKER & Co.,
Hongkong, January 31, 1880. mal

NOTICE.

THE Business CONDUCTED by me in Bombay, both independently of, and connection with the Firms of Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co. of CHINA, will from this date, be Carried on under the Style or Firm of E. D. SASSOON & Co.

E. D. SASSOON.

WITH Reference to the above, We have this Day Admitted Mr. JACOB ELIAS SASSOON and Mr. SASSOON JACOB DAVID as PARTNERS in our Firms in BOMBAY and CHINA.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.,
Bombay, 1st January, 1880. fe26

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. LEONARD STALL in our Firm OBLIGED on the 31st December last.

Mr. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration.

HESSE & Co.,
Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the New York Board of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.,
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3ee80

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.,
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3ee80

Eight Volume of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

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Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—
Curious Marriage Customs.
Chinese Rights of Way, &c.
Contestings amongst Chinese Officials.
Literary and Military Examinations.
The Old Moral Teaching of China.
The term K'un lun tung an.
The Habits of the Hedgehog.
Newborn in China.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, January 31, 1880.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BEG to announce that they have added to their Business A PIANO TUNING and REPAIRING DEPARTMENT, under the Superintendence of Mr. DOUGLAS DALE, who has been sent to them by Messrs JOHN BROADWOOD & Sons of London; they are now prepared to receive Orders which shall be carefully and efficiently attended to.

THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR SALE, EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DRAB SHELL HATS for the RACES.
New Shapes in CHERRY'S HATS.
LATEST NOVELTIES in SCARFS.
SHIRTS with COLLARS attached.
CARDIGAN JACKETS.
FRENCH KID GLOVES, 3 Buttons.
Single and Double SOLE BOOTS.
GAR'S FRENCH SHOES.
Waterproof SHEETING for Racing Ponies.

Playing CARDS. Whist MARKERS.
Electro-plated TELESCOPES.
Carriage LAMPS. Billiard BALLS.
QUITS. VALISES. Iron and Brass BEDSTEADS.
The New Wire Spring MATTRESSES. COIR DOOR MATS

Spirit FLASKS. Household SCALES.
Morino and Cashmere SOCKS, and UNDERSHIRTS.
Royal Irish Constabulary REVOLVERS.
Foster's Celebrated BOTTLED ALE and STOUT.
SACCO'S SHEERIES.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

For Sale.

(By Order of the Executors of the Late Hon. C. MAY.)

TWO Handsome Massive SILVER VERMILION and One SILVER VERMILION, now on view at Messrs G. FALCONER & Co., from whom Particulars of Price, &c., can be obtained. The same will be sold a BARGAIN.

LINSTEAD & Co.,
Hongkong, January 30, 1880. fe13

FOR SALE.

THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE and Good-will of the well-known and prosperous Business at present Carried on by Mr. ANDREW WOLFFERTS at No. 11, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, will be sold by Auction.

THE BRITISH HOTEL.

Full Particulars will be given on Application.
Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.,
CHAMPAGNE, No. 1, Rue de la Paix, Paris.
Quarts, £17 per Case of 1 doz. Case.
Pints, £17 per Case of 2 doz. Case.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION, DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX.

Quarts, £17 per Case of 1 doz. Case.
Pints, £17 per Case of 2 doz. Case.
MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fe80

TO LET.

TO BE LET, on Lease for BUILDING, a Piece of GROUND, containing about 10,000 Square Feet, at SPRING GARDEN, on Inland Lot No. 199, commanding a good view of the harbour.

Apply to
BERETON & WOTTON,
Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, February 4, 1880.

TO LET.

FOREIGN HOUSES, containing Six Rooms and Out-Houses; Also, CHINESE SHOPS and HOUSES in the HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE, possession 1st March.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, January 26, 1880.

FOR STORAGE.

IN GODOWNS, PRATA CENTRAL, from the 1st February next.

Apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, January 21, 1880. fe21

TO LET.

FOUR-STORY HOUSES in HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

A HOUSE in Lyndhurst Terrace.

Apply to
E. R. BELILIOS,
Hongkong, December 27, 1879.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GODOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT 10.

Also, the TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE BARR.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, February 7, 1880.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Intimations.

THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1866, AND THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1877.

CAPITAL £500,000, DIVIDED INTO 5,000 SHARES OF £100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

General Agents,
Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

Directors,
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, Esq., J. A. DOS REMEDOS, Esq., KWOK ACHONG, Esq., C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq.

BANKERS.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

Solicitors,
Messrs BERETON & WOTTON.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Proprietors of the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK, their Dock and the Ground and Premises belonging thereto, with the Plant, Machinery, and Stock-in-Trade of the parties aforesaid, and the Business and Goodwill thereof, and of carrying on the Business of Shipwrights and Engineers in the Colony of Hongkong.

For this purpose an absolute Assignment dated the 31st day of January, 1880, has been entered into by Messrs WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, FRANK BLACKWELL FORBES, SAMUEL WYLLIES FORBES, JUNIOR, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, JUNIOR, FREDERICK DELANO HITCH, HENRY DE COUVRY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, Merchants, trading as RUSSELL & Co., as Trustees of WILLIAM BOLTON SCRATCH, ANTHONY JONES, and NELSON SCRATCH, the owners of the said Cosmopolitan Dock, with Messrs KWOK ACHONG, WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, and JOSE ANTONIO DOS REMEDOS, Directors of the said Company, for the purchase of all the premises mentioned, without further contribution, for the price or sum of £500,000, subject to the condition that if the Stock-in-Trade consisting of Wood and Iron be not valued by a competent valuator at a sum not less than £100,000, the said sum of £500,000 shall abate accordingly.

The Cosmopolitan Dock is of sufficient dimensions to dock the largest Vessels afloat; it is the Plant and Machinery belonging thereto are now in perfect order. The Business of Building, Docking, Making, and Repairing Vessels is in full operation, so that the Company can at once enter upon active business, which it is expected will be highly remunerative.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs RUSSELL & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Board of Directors.

About Four Thousand Shares have been already taken up, and it is intended that the Capital will be called up as follows:—

£75 per share on allotment,
£25 per share on the 1st day of May, 1880.

All unpaid Capital after that date shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

Application for Shares, which shall be in the annexed form, will be received by the Agents, up to the 15th day of April, 1880.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 29, 1880. fe14

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of February, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 29, 1880. fe14

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1880 is posted at the SUPREME COURT HOUSE for inspection. Notices of any INACCOMMODATIONS, OMISSIONS, OR ERRORS, &c., must be given to the Registrar on or before MONDAY, the 16th day of February, A.D. 1880, in accordance with the Provisions of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

It is further notified that no Person whose Name is on the List as a JUROR will be excused from Service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification unless such exemption shall have been obtained and established, or such want of qualification duly proved, at or before the time above specified.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. B. PLUNKET, Registrar.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880. fe16

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, CLUB CHAMBERS, on WEDNESDAY, February 18th, 1880, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1879.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880. fe16

DENTAL NOTICE.

D.R. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.—No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE Annual EXHIBITION of VEGETABLES, FRUITS, and FLOWERS will be held at the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the 20th, and SATURDAY, the 21st February, and in conjunction with the Committee have undertaken a Loan EXHIBITION of WORKS OF ART, to consist of ANTIQUE PORCELAIN, BRONZES, JADESTONE, IVORY and WOOD CARVING, EMBROIDERIES, PICTURES, DRAWINGS, STATUARY, &c., &c., &c.

The Co-operation of Virtuosi and Collectors is earnestly solicited, and the Loan of objects suitable for Exhibition, invited. Experienced Men will be employed in arranging and handling contributions, and the Articles will be watched and cared for night and day, and fully covered by Insurance, whilst in charge of the Committee.

Contributors to the Art Exhibition are requested to furnish particulars of their Loans, on or before SATURDAY, the 14th Current, to Mr. J. B. COUGHTRIE, or to O. S. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec., H.K. H. S.

Hongkong, February 4, 1880. fe21

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eleventh Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 23rd February instant, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1879, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.
Hongkong, February 6, 1880. fe23

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.
Hongkong, February 6, 1880. fe23

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, February 2, 1880. ma2

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

TWO NEW BOWLING ALLEYS HAVE BEEN LAID.

ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS AND FAMILIES.

WINE AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. F. KLAMPERMEYER has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, No. 63, PRATA CENTRAL, close to the Canton Wharf.

The Patronage of the Community is most respectfully solicited.

F. KLAMPERMEYER.
Hongkong, January 24, 1880.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, QUEEN'S ROAD, Victoria, at Half-past Two o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 20th February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1879.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1880. fe20

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 4 1/2 per cent. on SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held THIS DAY, will be payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK, on and after MONDAY, the 2nd February next.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW

Government, the praiseworthy efforts to turn our temporary defences into permanent works have been greatly impeded and almost entirely neutralised. As we stated at the time, nothing could have exceeded the energy with which the Royal Engineer and Ordnance Departments carried out their duties when trouble was anticipated; but since that period of bustle things have not proceeded so satisfactorily. It is of course well known that the Royal Commission on the Colonial Defences which has lately been called into existence may have something to say about the defence of this Colony; and it may so happen that the authorities have some well-thought-out schemes which will quiet our misgivings. But possibly time alone can show; and but for the unanticipated, we seem very little better off now than we were twelve months ago. A few incomplete works, destitute of cannon, is all that we have to show for the expenditure and for the alarms and excursions "of the past year. Of course, as outsiders, the public can look only at results, and judging from these, it would appear that for all practical purposes the Colony is nearly as unprotected to-day as it was before a spadeful of earth was turned or a dollar spent. While fully acknowledging the labours of those immediately concerned in construction, the unfinished state of nearly all that has ever been begun constrains us to exclaim "Parturient montes, nascitur ridiculus mus!" Let us hope, however, that the experience acquired may afford some compensation for the talent and energy that has been already expended.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SOPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

THE Nihilists in St. Petersburg: ONFLICT WITH THE POLICE: DEATH STRUGGLES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED.

A conflict has taken place between the Police and Nihilists in St. Petersburg. A Proclamation issued by the latter declares a death struggle against the Government.

REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO KANDAHAR: MARCH ON HERAT CONTEMPLATED.

Heavy reinforcements are being sent to Kandahar and it is believed that a march upon Herat is contemplated.

FARNELL IN THE UNITED STATES.

Farnell has made a speech in the United States House of Representatives upon the last question.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive here on or about the 17th or 18th inst. She brings San Francisco dates to January 17th.

The next ENGLISH MAIL may be expected here on or about the 9th inst., Monday next, by the P. & O. steamer *Thetis*, which brings London dates to the 2nd January.

SHORTLY before 7 o'clock this morning fire broke out in a house No. 296, Queen's Road West. Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.'s engine was the first on the ground, and as there was a hydrant within a few yards of the house a plentiful supply of water was soon obtained. The Government fire engines, Nos. 2 and 3 steamers and 5 and 6 manuals, were also present; but there seems to be very imperfect arrangements made for conveying the engines to wherever they may be required. They were got out immediately the alarm was given and the fires lighted, but they had to remain inactive for about twenty minutes, waiting for the coolies, who at first engaged to drag them. Most, if not all of them, are employed by the compradors in the market and at that hour they were busy and of course failed to turn out in a reasonable time to attend to the fire. Much injury might be done in a space of twenty minutes by a fire, and the present system seems to be capable of improvement. The damage done was almost entirely confined to the house where the fire originated. It was completely gutted, and those adjoining on either side were only injured by water. The cause of the fire seems to be a hundred per cent. mysterious, and rumors were pretty much the order of the day. This morning that it was the work of an incendiary. This however was only rumor, and must be taken for what it is worth. The house has been untenanted for some time past, but was lent by the landlord to some of his relatives for building a sampans. The sampans were built and removed from the premises yesterday evening, and the place closed. It is strange, if any sparks were then left, that it did not make its appearance till this morning. Nearly 10 hours after they had left. The Agent Superintendent, C. V. Cressat, Esq., the assistant superintendent J. P. McKenney Esq., and Mr Ooxon, of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, were on the ground, directing the operations of the firemen.

The only further news as to the loss of the British barque *Mary*, at the entrance of Nagasaki harbour, is that she was beached into Nagasaki when the wind freshened and she was driven on the rocks. Her Captain and crew are reported to be saved.

L'Independent de Saigon of the 22nd instant states that the Municipality of Obolon has voted a subsidy of \$200 to the Sporting Club of Saigon.

We learn from Bangkok that fears are entertained for the safety of the British schooner *Goan Goan*, Captain Mackay, which was 42 days out from Sourabaya bound to Bangkok, and had not been heard of.

